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## **NEBRASKA EXPERT** PUT UPON GRILL AT RAIL RATE HEARING

U. G. Powell's Figures to Show Roads Are Generally Prosperous Are Subjected to Attack.

ALWAYS ON OPPOSITE SIDE

Witness Says Instructed by Commission to Get Facts, but Always Against Carriers.

BASIS OF HIS STATISTICS

CHICAGO, April 1 .- U. G. Powell, rate expert of the Nebraska Railroad commission, was subjected to a prolonged cross-examination at the Interstate Commerce commission hearing of the western freight rate case today. He appeared in opposition to the forty-one western roads' petition for increased freight rates on certain commodities. These increases, the railroads say, are necessary to equalize rates and to increase their revenues in order to maintain their properties.

Generally Prosperous. Mr. Powell presented figures intended to show the roads were generally prosperous and that they averaged in earnings more than 6 per cent. Certain of the roads which would participate in the increases, if granted, he said, were accumulating surpluses.

"As an expert of the Nebraska commission haven't you always opposed in-creases in freight rates?" asked C. C. Wright, general conrul for the railroads. "I can't say that I have always op-posed them. The commission instructed me to get the facts." said Mr. Powell.

Takes Representative List.

ing side, haven't you?"

"You have always been on the oppos

The witness said, in arriving at his figures he had not had time to consider all the railroads involved, but he had taken a representative list composed equally, he thought, of the strong and the weak ones. Among the strong ones he included the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, the Sunset Lines of the Southern Pacific, the Chicago, St. Paul. Minnespois & Omaha and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. He included the Kansas City Southern among the weaker ones.

The contention of the railroads was

that Mr. Powell's figures, showing a prosperous condition, were based on a majority of the stronger roads, represent-ting 47,690 miles, while the ones he called weak represented only 17,000 miles. "You call the Kansas City Southern a weak road when the fact is its earnings train, leaving Lincoln at 5 o'clock as follows:
are \$13,000 a mile, among the highest in and arriving in Omaha at 6:30. The "National Legis

Not Paying Dividends. That's because of its obligations. It is

not paying dividenda."

Mr. Powell stated he had not included

roads in receiverships. "Do you mean a road in the hands of receivers should have no consideration in

reference to adequate rates?" "if their location is representative they ought to be considered."

The witness said he thought it would have been more fair, had he had time to include all the roads in. In the list, he said, he gave the capitalization of the Kansas City Southern \$209,000,000 more than it should have been. This was due to a clerical error. In reply to questions from Dr. M. O. Lorenz, statistician of the Interstate Commerce commission, Mr. Powell said in determining his values he had deducted from investment in property whatever had come out of surplus, but in years when the roads paid no dividends he had not added any percent-

Joint Revival at Ida Grave. IDA GROVE, Is., April 1.-(Special.)-Three churches of Ida Grove, the Methodist. Presbyterian and Church of Ged, back to Lincoln in time to take up their will have Billy Sunday meetings on a work Monday morning. small scale from May 16 to June 20. They plan to erect a large wooden tabernacle on a prominent corner, close to the business center of the city, and have contracted with the Newlin-Malthie party of Winone Lake. Ind., to hold the services.

age to the property investment figure.

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m.: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity -Fair; not much change in temperature.



Highest yesterday... Lowest yesterday... Mcan temperature... Precipitation 

Reports from Stations at T P. M. Station and State Tei
of Weather. Tp.
Cheyenne clear
Davenport, cloudy
Deswer, cloudy
North Pia'tte, pt. cloudy
Gmaha, cloudy
Rapid City, cloudy
Sheridan, cloudy
Sheridan, cloudy Temp. High- Rain-7 p. m. est. fall.

MORE ROYALTY

E ARMY-Prince Henry, third son of Cir 'eor and ned the officers' training corps (arrov na ca'er Ny ame).



## LAWMAKERS TO BE REPUBLICA IS HOLD GUESTS OF OMAHA BANQUET AT LINCOLN

ture Accept Invitations to Banquet Here Saturday Night.

TO COME ON SPECIAL TRAIN

The entire Nebraska legislature. Governor Morehead and the state officials are to be entertained by the

visitors are to repair at once to the Fontenelle, where the banquet will

begin. The business men of Omaha feel that the legislature has been giving a great deal of attention during the session to matters that concern largely Omaha, and it is out of appreciation of this fact and with a view to introducing the lesislators all to Omaha's new \$1,000.000 hotel and the metropolis in general, that the

dinner is planned by the business men-

All Omaha Invited. It is expected there will be not less than 150 guests, as there are to be 133 from the two houses of the legislature, and between fifteen and twenty state officiais. No lines are drawn in Omaha as to who shall attend. The business men are evi ing interest in the occasion and tickets are selling at \$3. The tickets are on sale at the Commercial club rooms. Informal toasts will probably be given following the dinner. The legislators and state officials are to have their own way about going back to the capital, as the special train is not to carry them back. The Douglas county delegation will, of course, remain over, and perhaps, many others will remain over Sunday, getting

## Dodge Interurban Railway Measure Killed by Senate

(From a Staff Correspondent.) -LINCOLN, Neb., April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Senate file No. 180, the Dodge bill to encourage interurban-railway building in Nebraska, was killed in the senate Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, this morning. As a general thing republicans voted for the bill except Kiechel, Lahners, Mallery, Ruden and Shumway while democrats voted against it except Bedford, Howell, Kohl, Matter and

## Mumford Observes Fifty-Second Birthday

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 1.-(Special.)-E. Mumford, private secretary to the gov-ernor, is celebrating his fifty-second birthday today. His desk is overflowing with the floral tributes of his friends, including some beautiful' flowers from Dalbey and Steinhart, two members of the Gage county delegation in the house. Mr. Mumford's home is at Beatrice.

#### HOUSE MEMBERS AGREE TO TORRENS AMENDMENTS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 1. - (Special.)-The some agreed today to accept the senate's amendments to H. R. 222, the bill providing for the Torrens system of regto the governor, it is not to become ich foreign office. Sir Edward Grey havoperative in any county unless 10 per jug been compelled to take a short holfcent of the freeholders petition for it, day. It is expected fir Edward will be ter of registering titles by the Torrens weeks. The premier received diplomatic system will be optional with each owner, callers at the foreign office.

Both Houses of Nebraska Legisla- Party Men in Legislature Tender It had a crew of swenty-one men. to Those in the Ranks in the State.

Staff oCrrespondent.) cial Telegram.) -To the music of with fuel oil. business men of Omaha at a banquet "Getting Back Again" by an orchesat the Fontenelle hotel Saturday tra 250 republicans marched to the It is said the members of its crew apevening at 6:30. Plans have just banquet room of the Lindell hotel pear to be Germans. The name of the

> braska," Congreseman C. H. Sloan. Geneva.

> "The Old Guard," John M. Thurston, "The | Republican Press." tive Dennis Cronin, O'Neil,

"Economy Benutor C. E.

"The Republican Party," Chester H. Aldrich, Lincoln. The speakers were all greeted with en-

thusiasm. Congressman Sloan said that the republican party was keeping no book, but was in a position to show all who oppose in 1916 what a real party is. "Two years ago we turned over to the democratic party the country at the noon of its existence with all departments in good condition," said he, "but teday after only two years of power, we find a depleted treasury and every department in trouble

## Action for Damages Brought Against Senator Warren

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—(Special Telesram.)—Alleging that Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming caused his detention for several months in the government hospital for the insane, Albert S. Connelly has filed suit to recover \$50,000 damages from the senator in the supreme

Court of the District of Columbia. The plaintiff says he incurred the enmity of Senator Warren by investigating the alleged practice of private individuals fencing public lands in Wyoming. He says he was especially inquiring into the rumor that such alleged Live Stock company, of which, he asserts, the senator was a stockholder.

He declares this activity led to his arrest on a charge of insanity. He declares he was released from the asylum May

#### POSTMASTER DEDERICK IN CHARGE AT SUPERIOR

SUPERIOR, Neb., April 1 .- (Special Telegram.)-C. E. Dederick, who has been editor of the Superior Express for the master here this morning. C. E. Stine, who retires from the office, has been postmaster for twelve years and has seen the office grow from two clerks to its present size, having now four clerks, three rural and two city carriers.

The clerks and carriers called Mr. Stine and his assistant. Mrs. Nesbit, to the office last night and made each of them a present-to Mr. Stine a gold watch and to Mrs. Nesbit a gold handled umbrellsas tokens of their appreciation,

#### ASQUITH TAKES PLACE OF GREY. WHO IS AWAY

LONDON, April 1.-Premier Asquith istering land titles. As the bill will go temporarily has taken charge of the Brit-Wherever it is made operative the mat- away from the ministry about three

# 2 MERCHANTMEN, THIRTY MEN LOST

British Steamer Seven Seas, Bound from London for Liverpool, Sunk with Nine Off Beachy Head.

FRENCH SHIP SENT TO BOTTOM

Freighter Emma Destroyed by German Submarine and Nineteen of Crew Drowned.

DUTCH CARGO BOAT ARRESTED

NEW HAVEN, England, April 1. -The British steamer Seven Seas, insisted on the purchase by China of of 632 tons, was torpedoed by a Ger- munitions of war in Japan and insisted man submarine off Beachy Head this that it be consulted with regard to cerafternoon. The attack was without Fukien in South Manchuria and in Eastwarning and eleven of its crew of ern Monogolla, this course might be a eighteen, including all the officers violation of the principle of equal opexcept the second engineer, were portunity stipulated in the agreement drowned. The steamer was bound he was minister to the United States and from London for Liverpool.

Such was the force of the explosion that the hatches were blown off and a big hole was torn in the steamer's side, causing it to sink within three minutes.

injured, were landed here this evening by a destroyer.

French Steamer Sank. LONDON, April 1.-The French steamer Emma, bound to Bordenux, was torppedoed Wednesday in the British channel off Beachy Head by a German submarine. Nineteen members of its crew were drowned, only two being saved. The periscope of the submarine had hardly been sighted from the Emma when BLOODY DETAILS REACH BORDER the torpedo from the undersea boat struck the Emma in the engine room No warning of any kind was given. The hip foundered within three minutes. up two men who had been in the water for a couple of hours, and at the same

LONDON, April 1.-A dispatch to the exchange Telegraph company from New Mayen, a port in English channel in Busses, says a large Dutch cargo boat. SLOAN SOUNDS THE KEYNOTE the Lodswijk Van Nassau, has been brought into New Haven by two British torpedo boats under the suspicion that it LINCOLN, Neb., April 1,-(Spe- had been supplying German aubmarines The torpedo boats gave

been made and the invitation has and sat down to the banquet given
been accepted by both houses of the
by the republicans of the legislature,
legislature.

Senator Walter Klechel provided
The Burlington is to run a special as toastmaster and the toast list was Dutch steamer refused to stop, but it Subseas Sighted. /

NEW YORK, April 1.-Three German submarines were sighted off the Hook of today. Holland by the Holland-American liner Potsdam, which arrived here today. The periscopes of the submarines were observed by the Potsdam about two miles Sandall, of the Hook. The underwater craft followed the ship for a short distance with out attempting to stop it, and then

## Justice Holenbeck Memorial Services To Be Held Monday

branched off in different directions.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, April 1,-(Special.)-Memo rial services will be held in the supreme court Monday in memory of the late Chief Justice Hollenbeck, who died early in January, a few days after his inauguration into office. The services will be held with the su-

preme court sitting en banc in the presence of the bar. A committee on resolu-tions will report.

# Thresher Officially

WASHINGTON, April 1.-Reports that an American life had been lost in the Washington government late today when Ambassador Fage and Consul General Skinner at London cabled that Leon C. Thresher, an American mining man, was supposed to have been drowned in the fencing was being done by the Warren destruction of the British liner Falaba by a German submarine.

The reports merely transmitted unofficial statements, and instructions were immediately to both officials to begin an investigation and report promptly No action will be taken by the government until this official version of Thresher's death has been received and all the facts surrounding the destruction of the Falaba have been carefully scrutinized.

## Want a Bird House?



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## GERMANS TORPEDO Japan Warned Demands on China Violate United States Treaty HAS PRECEDENCE

ransmission.)-The American government note recently forwarded to Tokio to reliable information, on three points in the demands made by Jan on China. the selection of foreign advisers by China;

question of foreign loans. The Washington government, it is derstood, submitted that if Japan insisted on the right to be consulted by China in the selection of foreign advisers it might

It is further contended that if Japan reached between Baron Takahira when Elihu Root, at that time secretary of state. That agreement provides for maintaining the independence and integrity of

TOK10, Japan, March E .- (Delayed in | PEKING, April 1 .- The negotiations be tween Japan and China looking to the acceptance by the republic of the demands concerning negotiations now in progress presented by Tokio shortly after the between the Japanese and Chinese gov- Japanese occupation of Klao-Chow were ernments, dwelt in particular, according again saved from disaster today by the fact that the Chinese statesmen made further concessions to Japan. Of these three points, the first concerned Chinese offered to waive entirely the question of Chinese Jurisdiction over the second was in regard to the purchase Japanese immigrants to South Manchuria. of munitions of war by the Chinese gov-except in cases involving land ownership, ernment and the third dealt with the M. Hickl, the Japanese minister, undertook to submit this proposal to Tokio.

Articles ii, iii, iv, and Group 5 were be a violation of the sovereignty of

The survivors, three of whom were MEXICANS MURDER 2 MORE AMERICANS

Their Cattle and Villa Ex-

ecutes Syrians.

EL PASO, Tex., April 1,-The killing of two Americans by Car-A British destroyer subsequently picked ranza soldiers and the execution of two Syrians by Villa officials became known here today.

time recovered two bodies. The Emma Baron Smith of Houston, Tex., and Roscoe T. Bilings were killed by Carranza soldiers a few miles north of Mexico City two months ago, according to R. H. Aitkin, who arrived here today after two months' flight to the border. The soldiers murdered the Americans to secure their cattle, according to Aitkin.

Salamon Nigri and Rafael Fereze, Syrians, were executed Tuesday at Torreon in accordance with General Villa's recent decree inflicting the death penalty upon those convicted of implication in the circulation of hide them. counterfeit Mexican money. The

men were merchants of Torreon. Luis Nigri, brother of Salamon, here kept 300 men busy for three days.

According to the information re-

## Refuses to Raise Sectarian School

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 1.—(Special.)—Representatives spent two hours today in the ican missionary at Urumiah. endeavor to place each member of the lower house on record on H. R. 287 known as the bill for the inspection of at schools of a private character - and which would provide for state inquiry into

Finally mustering only thirty-five votes in favor of raising the bill over the heads of the sifting committee, which had not reported it for consideration, the ad-Is Reported Missing vocates of the measure gave it up. Members were routed out of cloak rooms, to go on record.

The vote cannot be taken as indicative War zone around the British Isles were of the vote had the bill been up for pasbrought officially to the attention of the sage, for many voted against the motion because they were opposed to rais- set for Saturday, April 10. ng any bill over the heads of the committee while others voted for the notion because they were not satisfied with the work of the committee because they had bills which had not been lifted out and ook this way of "getting even." Following are those who favored ad-

vancing the measure: Anderson (Phelps), Brant, Burgess, Crinklaw, Dau, Druesedow, Evans, Harris, Hernby, Howard, Hutton, Jeary, Larsen, Lindsey, Lundgren, Matteson, Meredith, Miner, Mockett, Moseley, Nor-ton, Orr, Peterson, Reuler, Reynolds (Lincoln), Rudisill, Sass, Scott, Sievers, Smith, Sorensen, Stearns, Stebblins, Ward, Woodhurst.

## Five Employes of Powder Mill Dead

ALTON, Ill., April 1.-Five employes of the Equitable Powder company, including James A. Colburn, superintendent,

#### SENTENCE OF LIEUTENANT J. P. MARKOE IS CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, April 1.-President Wilson has confirmed the sentence of dismissal imposed by general court-martial at Nace, Ariz., upon Second Lieuwho was found gullty of "having become violently drunk." Lieutenant Mar-

#### tion by Japan. (These articles provide for the ownership of land by Japanese in the interior of China; for the employment of Japanese policemen on certain designated Chinese police forces; that China purchase munitions of war from Japan, and that China grant certain

rallroad concessions in the eastern portion of the central part of the republic. The Japanese advanced the argument that they wished to unify the system of arms now used throughout China, which todayis made up of a medley of innumerable patterns. They said that China would benefit by an increased number of schools and hospitals (as provided in article ii) and that they were China and the equality of commercial op- only asking privileges which other na-

## RUSSIANS DEFEAT TURKS IN PERSIA

Carranza Bandits Kill Yankees for Czar's Forces Win Victory in Sanguinary Battle Fought at Atkutur, North of Dilman.

SULTAN LOSS TWELVE THOUSAND

TABRIZ, Persia, March 31 .- (Via Petrograd and London, April 1.)-Hostilities between Russian and Turkish forces in Persia have been resumed. On March 25 the Russians defeated the Turks in a sanguinary battle at Atkutur, north of Dilman, in northwestern Persia.

The Turks lost 12,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners, as well as

Hundreds of Christians Sinis.

TABIZ, March 31 .- (Via London, April 1.)-Preceding the re-occupation by the Russians of Salmac Plains, in Azerbaljan province, northwest of Urumiah, tion has become more pressing than hundreds of native Christians were rounded up by the Turks in the village of Haftdewan and massacred. Many of these were searched out from the homes of friendly Mohammedans, who tried to and the letter of King George on the

Details of the execution reached that the recovery of bodies from wells, pools and ditches and their burial

The wailing of women intensified the borror of the scene. Surviving widows. ceived today by Luis Nigri, the mer-chants had shown their money to chants had shown their money to graves and burying the bodies. Some of Villa officials, who had declared it the victims had been shot. In other genuine. Shortly after a squad of cases they were bound to ladders and of the war. soldiers arrested and executed the hacked off; eyes were gouged out and limbs chopped off.

A general massacre of the 10,000 or 15,000 Christians remaining in Urumiah is ex-pected, unless it should be averted by orders from Constantinople.

Verbal messages from Urumiah con Inspection Bill persons already have been killed in that firm earlier reports that more than 809 neighborhood and that more than 2,000 have died of liseases. These messages alos confirm the reports of the maltreatits forces in Bukowina with the ides of thwarting a formidable Russian advance ment of Rev. Dr. E. T. Allen, an Amer-

### President of Pueblo Bank is Unable to Procure Bondsmen

PUEBLO, Cole., April L-W. B. Slaughter of Dallas, Tex., president of the defunct Mercantile National bank, committee rooms and corridors and made was arraigned here today, charged with the embezzlement of \$20,000 county funds which were on deposit in the bank. He pleaded not guilty and was held in bonds of \$40,000. Preliminary examination was that in abandoning the slege of Ossowetz

Counsel for Slaughter stated that preliminary examination might be waived and pleaded that the \$20,000 bond was excessive. The court declined to reduce the amount of ball. Slaughter remained is the custody of the peolice.

## Scott Believes Piutes Accused of Murder Innocent

WASHINGTON, April 1 .- Brigadier General Scott, chief of staff of the army. returned from his successful expedition bringing in the recalcitrant Piutes, impressed with the belief that Tse-Ne-Gat. their leader, is innocent of the charge of murder, or that at least the evidence is purely circumstantial and possibly furnished by unfriendly Utes.

The general believes the Plutes thought were killed today when an explosion the marshal's posse, which they resisted wrecked the press mill at the plant five a lynching party of cow men. General nlies from here. Five thousand pounds Scott found officials responsible to his of black powder were in the building. The representations for lenlency and thinks the others of the party may be turned luose to join their tribes

### Work for 10,000 in Steel Mills

CHICAGO, April 1.-Ten thousand men who have been idle since the first of the tenant John P. Markoe, Tenth cavalry, year, today returned to work in the steel mills and factories of Chicago Heights, a suburban town. The plants resumed operhoe was appointed to the military ations after a three months' shutdown academy from St. Paul, Minn., and was caused by shortage of material and busi ness depression.

# WAR ON ALCOHOL **OVER RECRUITING**

Great Britain Must Solve Problem of Ammunition Supply Before the Spring Advance Can Be Pushed.

DRASTIC STEPS ARE EXPECTED

presented without any offer of modifica- King's Letter Supposed to Be Prelude to Measure that Will Equal Absolute Prohibition.

MORE FIGHTING IN MOUNTAINS

#### The Day's War News

the English channel, and so far as known only two members of Its erew of twenty-one were saved. A DUTCH CARGO BOAT suspected of having supplied fuel oil to the

anhungines has been captured by British torpedo bonts. TURKEY EXPECTS other Balkan nations to enter the war on the

side of the allies. RUSSIAN AND AUSTRIAN reports concerning the great struggle in the Carpathians are completely at variance, although they agree that heavy fighting is continuing. RUSSIAN BLACK SEA PLEET has bombarded Turkish towns in Asia

Minor. GERMAN WAR OFFICE announced today that 55,800 Russians were captured in March.

THE HOLY WAR has resulted in a further massacre of Christians in Persia. In one village the bodies of 720 Christians were found by HOSTILITIES BETWEEN Russian

and Turkish armies in northwestern Persia have been resumed. In a battle last week 12,000 Turks were killed, wounded or eaptured. LONDON, April 1 .- The war on alcohol, an outcome of the labor situation in Great Britain, has defi-

nitely taken precedence over the much-talked-of "spring advance of the allies in the west," the reason being that the problem of ammunithat of recruiting. To Sound Public Sentiment.

hide them.

The Russians on entering the village found 720 bodies, mostly naked and mutilated. The converse are intended to lutely the cale of drink throughout the country, except tions, or the adoption of some measure which, while perhaps not called absolute prohibition, will have almost as drastic

> War Secretary Kitchener has announced that no alcoholic beverages shall be served in his household for the duration

The battlefields in the east and west afford little news today and, although the allies are reported as having resumed operations in the Dardanelles, nothing official is forthcoming. Today being the centenary of the birth of Bismarck, the newspapers reviewed editorially career of this German statesman, ending in the break with the present emperor. and speculation what might have been the outcome of the war to date had Bis marck been at the helm.

in the Carpathlans, and this, according to the British view, explains the Austrian incursion into Russia over the Dulester river at a point near Czernowitz. PETROGRAD, April 1 .- (Via London.)position at Ossowets in Russian-Poland has been definitely abandoned, accordi

Austria would seem to be strengthening

to semi-official dispatches published her today. For some days past the German artillery fire on Ossowets has been weakened. and on March 30 it was discontinued. The cessation of these operations is regarded in Petrograd as an indication of the end of the German offensive movement in the north. The argument is advanced the Germans will appear to have given up the hope of establishing connections (Continued on Page Four, Column Four,

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